

Keytesville, Mo., Saturday, Feb. 8, 1879.

The farmers in the legislature held a caucus one evening during the present week, for the purpose of considering a bill to compel tax-payers to give in their notes for assessment. One remedy proposed was that no note should be collectable unless stamped by the assessor as having been given in for taxation.

The farmers in the legislature are determined to make themselves felt and heard in the deliberations of that body at this session. The work of the revision of the laws of the state is a subject about which they have manifested a very lively interest, and in order that they may be fully represented in that important work they have made an effort during the past week to have the following named gentlemen appointed by the speaker of the house as the committee on the part of the house, viz: McDaniel, of Saline; McIntyre, of Andrain; Dade, of Green; and Anderson, of Marion.

REVISED THEIR RULES.
Our law makers at the State Capital have revised the rules for the government of the legislature, the chief object being to prevent if possible all chances for imposition and fraud upon the deliberations of that body, and to preserve its labors intact. One of the amendments to the rules—and an important one considering the facts in connection with the loss of the insurance bill of last session—is that requiring the secretary of the senate to present bills originating in the senate to the governor on the same day they are signed by the presiding officers of both houses, and take a receipt therefor and time of the delivery of same.

A BILL has been introduced in the senate proposing to abolish the law establishing the present board of railroad commissioners. The move is a good one, and in the right direction. That board now costs the state over \$12,000 per annum, and is absolutely worth nothing to the state. The proper way to economize would be to abolish all useless officers and reduce all exorbitant salaries to a just and reasonable compensation for the services rendered by competent and honest public officials. Let the work begin by cutting off the three officers known as railroad commissioners. Three officers which have been of no use or benefit to the state or the railroads either, and a saving of over \$12,000 will be gained thereby. Such an act would present a real and substantial reform indeed.

A BILL has been introduced in the legislature proposing to change the time for paying taxes. It is contended that some such arrangement would be of great advantage to the farmer and especially the tobacco raisers. We think such a change would be attended with great trouble and inconvenience in regard to meeting liabilities on state indebtedness, contracted long ago, on terms with direct reference to the time now fixed by law for disbursement of the public funds. We can think of no argument and have heard none advanced by any one which we deem sufficient to justify such an experiment. Our opinion is that if this legislature passes such a law, by the time the next legislature assembles, there will be a great clamor for its repeal. Those who want to pay taxes, and make any effort to do so can always succeed on or before the last day in each year. Our observation convinces us that all such experimental changes in legislation only lead to confusion, and are worthless.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.
It seems that the banner of economy has been hung on the outer wall at the State Capitol this winter, and the determination to find out when, and how the enormous expense of running our state government can best be reduced, has taken a firm hold on the purposes of a large number of our representatives. Many bills have been introduced bearing upon the various departments of state and county affairs. Our information concerning these proposed measures is so meager that we are unable to pass any opinion upon the merits or demerits of any of them at present. It is to be hoped however that a just and proper revision of our laws will result from the labors of the present legislature, and such a reduction and restriction of all unnecessary offices and expenses will be made as will give satisfaction to the people of the state who have for so long borne with excessive and burdensome taxation.

CIRCUIT COURT.
An examination of the docket of our circuit court shows that during the year 1877 there were 159 suits instituted, and during the year 1878 there were 194 suits instituted, in addition to the suits for taxes. There were left on the docket at the November term 1878 undocketed, of 352 cases.

During the year 1877 there were three terms of the circuit court, viz: in February, May and November. In the year 1878 there were four terms of the court, viz: February, May, August and November. As the orders now stand we are to have an adjourned term in this month, so that we will have as many as three, if not four terms in 1879.

This exhibit should be sufficient evidence to convince any one of the necessity for having as many as three regular terms of the circuit court in each year. The bill now before the legislature for that purpose has been reported upon favorably by the committee and it is to be hoped will become a law.

TILDEN OR THURMAN.
In a recent interview with a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, who is regarded as one of the ablest, and most sagacious leaders of the Democratic party in that state, said, that for any one to predict now who would be the next Democratic candidate for the Presidency would be to guess very mildly. He says that there are now two general movements in the Democratic party looking to the selection of a leader for the contest of 1880. That those two movements are in the direction of certain groups of men, but not towards any particular man. One of those movements leads to a group of men including Tilden, Bayard, and that class of men. While the other leads to a group including Thurman, and Hendricks, and that class of men. These movements he thinks contain an element of sectionalism, partaking of the nature of a contest between the east and the west, rather than of the nature of deeper and more profound differences in political theory. He expresses the belief that if the Democratic party can concentrate upon some statesman of pure character, in whom the public have full confidence, they will be able to beat Grant, or the Republican nominee, whoever it may be. He regards Tilden as among the probable candidates, and says there are a great many people in this country who insist upon the justice of nominating him again, having once as they believe been elected to that office. In conclusion he says "the indications are that in 1880 two machines will be in motion—the Republican party machine—and both machines will be managed by practical politicians, and the great body of the people, worn out by a long strife, will let them run them, while they are trying to make money to pay their debts, and to save something to bury themselves when they die."

1879 AND 1880.
THE following resolution has been introduced in the legislature and adopted: Resolved, that the governor, judges of the supreme court, attorney-general, state treasurer, state auditor, register of lands, secretary of state, superintendent of public schools, railroad commissioners, adjutant-general and state librarian be and they are hereby respectfully requested to furnish this house with an itemized bill, as near as possible, of the amount of contingent expenses asked for the use of their respective departments during the years 1879 and 1880, that the state auditor be requested to furnish this house with an itemized account of the amount estimated for the general contingent fund for the years 1879 and 1880.

If this matter is fairly determined by the legislature before its adjournment, and the constitutional limitation on taxation enforced, the tax payers will thereby be placed under lasting obligations to their present representatives.

DEFICIT \$351,848.89.
A resolution has been introduced in our State Senate and adopted, calling on the attorney general to report to the senate, what steps if any he has taken to recover the above stated deficit, lost through the incompetency and bad management of our state treasurer during the last two years. The following is the full text of the resolution as offered by Senator Hudson: WHEREAS it appears from the report of the committee appointed by the governor to audit the accounts of the auditor and treasurer of the state and for other purposes, there is a deficit of \$351,848.89, therefore

Resolved, that the attorney-general be, and is hereby requested to report to the senate what steps, if any, he has taken to recover said deficit.

Chariton Divide.
BY RAMBLER.
Delightful weather; roads in good order.

Tobacco growers are busy stripping, in order to have the crop ready when the market opens; no sales reported in this section yet, though several firms have been represented in this here. Tobacco in these parts much better than usual, but not more than one-fourth as much as last year.

Aunt Nancy Coulbertson, wife of Daniel Coulbertson, has been quite ill for some time. Mrs. T. F. Chrane has also been quite unwell, but is now recovering.

We learn that Rev. Shores has been conducting a series of religious services at the Scribner school-house during the past week. The debating society, at same place, last Friday night argued the question: "Resolved that gold and silver should be demonetized in this country, and legal-tender U. S. currency be used through a national bank in its stead."

The Cross Roads school, taught by Miss Bettie Mauzey, of Yellow Creek township, was out last Friday. Rev. Linville has been preaching every night this week at Bell school-house.

On last Friday Mr. R. V. Glenn sowed quite a field of spring wheat; ground was in splendid order. The social and cotillion party at Mr. A. C. Johnson's, Friday night was grand success. Large crowd, plenty to eat, and fun till daylight.

NEW DEPARTURE.

KEYTESVILLE ON TOP A BRIGHTER PROSPECT IN FUTURE FOR THE COUNTY SEAT.

Two New Dry Goods Stores Just Started and More Coming.

The Keytesville Flouring and Grist Mills Running Day and Night.

And Turning Out Finer Flour and More of it to the Bushel.

And for less Toll, than any other Mill in North Missouri.

Mr. M. H. Holcomb Moves his Lumber Yard up Town.

And has in Stock a Large Assortment of all Grades.

The Business Men of Keytesville Adopt the Cash System.

And can therefore offer Unprecedented Inducements to Purchasers.

It affords us much pleasure to note the revival of business in Keytesville. The town, although the county seat of the sixth county in the State, and surrounded with a rich agricultural section, thickly settled by industrious farmers, has been very dull, and has commanded but little trade for some time. Never before has it been more clearly demonstrated that a town or city is just what the citizens make it. Keytesville is populated with as kind and intelligent people as can be found anywhere, but for years the business here has been conducted on the credit system, a system that has ruined many of our citizens, and has been an unpassable drawback to the town. Happily, we are on the eve of a new departure. Bitter experience forces an abandonment of the credit business, and our business men, who have determined to adopt the cash system, will be enabled, by so doing, to sell goods far below usual prices, thus benefiting the entire community. The man who buys on credit is sure to be more extravagant, and will be compelled to pay from 20 to 35 per cent. more than he who buys for cash.

Among the new enterprises in this place we regard the Flouring and Grist Mills of MR. HUGO BARTZ, as among the most important. This establishment, although located here for a number of years, may be classed among the "new," from the fact that it has just been enlarged, rebuilt, refitted, and the building and machinery is now almost entirely new. We had heard so much about how nicely and conveniently this mill was arranged, and what fine work it was doing, that on last Wednesday we concluded to "take it in."

The building is a strong frame, 30 by 60 feet, three stories high. On the first floor is the business office, in the front end. In the back end are two large sets of burrs. On this floor are also the sinks and bran warehouse. The only machinery on the second floor is the smut mill, this room being used for custom work. The principal part of the machinery is on the third floor, together with the grain bins. A new purifier, of the most approved pattern, is in operation on this floor, besides two large bolting chests. The mill is arranged with the most complete system of elevators we have ever seen. No grain is handled by hand after it is emptied into the sink until it comes out in the sacks ground into flour. The elevators are so arranged that if wheat is very dirty, and once going through the purifier does not make it perfectly clean, by a slight change of a small spout, the grain can be run through the purifier as often as necessary. We examined some wheat after it had gone through this remarkable machine, and in fact a dozen handfuls could not find a particle of trash of any kind.

On the whole, Mr. Bartz now has his mills so arranged that it is the most complete, and smoothly running combination of mill machinery we ever saw. Mr. Bartz is recognized as the best miller in North Missouri, and he is now doing better work—making finer flour and more of it to the bushel of wheat than ever before, while his toll is much less than other mills take, being only one eighth.

Our citizens are justly proud of the Keytesville Flouring and Grist Mills. Coming up town one of the first objects that attracts attention is the bustle and stir about the room formerly occupied by R. White.

MESSRS. C. A. SCOTT & CO.
Having rented this house, have had it cleaned up, repaired, whitened, and repainted, are now opening out a superb stock of goods. These gentlemen are from Carrollton, where they are still interested in business, and are represented by the papers of that thriving little city as among the most enterprising and reliable business men of that community. The firm is composed of several members, and represents a large capital. The business here will be under the immediate control of Messrs. C. A. Scott and A. M. Glick.

Goods handled in this house are bought for cash, and the firm say they will sell on such small profits that they cannot afford to take any risks by crediting their goods out. From what we have learned of their prices they will sell at a very large reduction on former prices. Judging from the amount of goods being received by these gentlemen, we doubt if there will be a more complete stock in North Missouri, and it will certainly be to the advantage of consumers to call and look through their goods, and get their prices. Their first message will be found in another column.

Next door, in the room formerly occupied by Thomas Stevens, can be found some splendid lags offered by

MESSRS. APPLEGATE & MARTIN.
These gentlemen are closing out the stock on hand at about half former prices in order to make room for a new spring stock. They have a large lot of hats and clothing, which they are offering at decision prices. In fact, they are making a run on the stock on hand, and they are selling the goods for less money than they can be replaced. But Mr. Martin says he is determined to close them out regardless of cost, as he wants to open the spring trade with an entire new stock.

Messrs. Applegate & Martin are also receiving large quantities of new goods, which they propose selling as cheap as the goods can be had in North Missouri. They will adhere strictly to cash sales, and make no exceptions, and will be enabled to give prices much lower than any house can sell on credit. They will also buy for cash which will greatly assist them in making low prices. These gentlemen are well known as among the most reliable and enterprising business men of the county, and their speech, in another column, will prove interesting to the public.

Ordered that the County Clerk, furnish to the *Brumfield* and *Chariton* Couriers, a synopsis of the proceedings of this Court at its various sessions, for publication.

and opposite Mr. Chapman's residence. On investigation we find that

MR. M. H. HOLCOMB has purchased Mr. Gordon's interest in the lumber firm of Holcomb & Gordon, who conducted their business at the Keytesville station, and is erecting two large lumber sheds, and is moving in his stock, adding several car-loads of lumber just received. Mr. Holcomb will have one of the most convenient yards, with plenty of shed room to keep a large supply of dry lumber. He will compete with any yard in this section of the country in prices. In fact, his terms are a little better than most of the surrounding yards. He sells for cash only, and is thus enabled to keep the assortment in all grades full and complete. He will also keep a large stock of builder's hardware.

Mr. H. is one of our most enterprising citizens and is certain to receive a large trade which he so justly merits. His "little say" will be found in another place in this paper.

Besides the above mentioned firms, it will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, that almost every branch of business is represented in Keytesville by thorough-going businessmen, and people can now get anything in Keytesville to eat or wear, building material, &c. But, as it was only our purpose to mention the recent changes in business here, we refer our readers to the advertising columns of the *Courier* for further particulars.

County Court Proceedings.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1879.
County court met in regular session Feb. 3d, 1879. J. B. Hyde, presiding, J. L. Stacy and J. M. Marsh, associate Justices; F. T. Dysart, clerk, and B. B. Davis, sheriff.

Dr. B. F. Wilson allowed \$45.55 for medical services to Miss Colley.

J. M. Peery allowed \$13.12 for lumber furnished road district No. 2, Brunswick township.

Joseph Headley allowed \$25.50 for board of Hannah Shanks, a pauper.

Wm. H. Parks and others present petition for a new road in 56.19. Commissioner appointed to take right of way, and report to next term of court.

J. W. Embrey allowed \$32.40 for drugs and medicines furnished paupers on poor farm.

David Tuder this day presents bond to school fund for \$300, with personal and real estate security, which is approved and treasurer ordered to make the loan.

America Brashers allowed \$25 for keeping Henry Brashers, a pauper.

Ordered by the court that America Brashers be allowed \$1.50 per week for keeping and supporting Henry Brashers and Pezzie Brashers, two paupers.

C. D. Wale presents bond to school fund for \$800, which is approved and treasurer ordered to make the loan.

M. D. Patton presents his bond for \$400 to the county school fund which is approved.

P. M. Sears and others present petition to vacate part of a road in Wayland township; remonstrance filed and cause continued to next term.

B. L. Kendrick and others present petition to vacate road in 54, 20; remonstrance filed and cause continued to next term.

Wm. B. Bruce et al present petition to vacate road in 54; remonstrance filed and cause continued to next term.

The court assessed the clerk make up an abstract of moneys expended for the year ending 1st Monday in February, 1879, and publish the same in the weekly *Brumfield*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1879.

Dr. Grinstead & Holland allowed \$55 for medical services to Arthur May.

Dr. Grinstead allowed \$18.50 for medical services, to prisoners in county jail.

Fred Crimack allowed \$1.00 for timber to road district in Brunswick township.

Award for furnishing 25 cords of wood at court house was awarded to Reuben Winfree.

O. P. Dearman allowed \$11.25 for repairing tools, &c., for overseers in Brunswick township.

E. J. Hurt, G. & C., presents petition asking credit on tax of 1878 assessed against her wards. Not allowed.

Gaudenz Lutsch allowed \$365 for an itemized account filed, for keeping paupers at poor farm.

Gaudenz Lutsch allowed \$75 for crop of wheat on poor farm and for ice put up on said farm which amount is to be charged to B. G. Willett, his successor.

Petition of A. C. Johnson et al for new road in 54, 18; not granted.

Jacob Bowersmith allowed \$100 for building bridges on Lake Creek, Brunswick township.

M. R. Williams allowed \$552.54 on county fund and \$552.54 agent for the parties for assessment for the year 1878.

C. A. SCOTT & CO.,

Having rented the room formerly occupied by R White

KEYTESVILLE, MO.,

Have just returned from the East with a

NEW, FULL AND COMPLETE

STOCK OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, BOOTS, SHOES,

HATS AND CAPS,

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As our Motto is

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ALL PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1879.
H. H. Davis' account for \$10 for services as bridge commissioner in five bridge cases, allowed.

Wm. Alexander granted dram-shop license for six months in the town of Cunningham.

Petition of Thos. Lane and others for new road in 54, 19, granted upon condition that the petitioners pay all damages.

J. H. Compton allowed \$18, to be applied to the care and support of Rachel Vandueen and daughter, paupers, until the 1st Monday of March, 1879.

The court assessed the railroad property in the county as follows: St. L., K. & N. R'y, at \$8,000 per mile of main and side track, and including all distributable property, the Glasgow Branch at \$2,500 per mile, and the Brunswick and Chillicothe road at \$2,500.

T. T. Cruise allowed \$30 for services as janitor, for the month of January, 1879.

FRIDAY, February 7, 1879.
Estate of Thos. Stevens allowed \$39.05 for goods furnished prisoners and articles furnished court-house.

Account of \$6 of N. A. Grubbs for pauper coffin furnished P. A. Clubbs allowed for \$4.

Account of J. B. Naylor for \$12 for publishing notice soliciting bids for poor farm allowed for \$10.

J. M. Gallemeiro allowed \$10 for publishing same.

Ordered that bond of Michael Rogers, constable of Chariton township, in the sum of \$1,000 be approved.

Clerk ordered to make deed of the ne section 25, 55, 17, to L. H. Colley, he having purchased same of county November 21, 1878.

In the matter of petition of D. H. Hammons, et al, for road in 54, 19, report filed and cause continued to next term.

T. T. Elliott allowed \$4.50 as commissioner in above road case.

J. M. Hamilton, treasurer, allowed \$1.25 for lock and putting same on his office.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

ANDERSON S. HARRIS, ANDREW MACKEY, JR., Samuel T. Glover, Thomas B. W. Crow, Robert Irving, Alexander Irving, Elizabeth A. Krigbaum, and Edmon Brooks, Plaintiffs, against John F. Williams, Polly S. Williams, his wife; Miss F. Garvin, Sarah E. Garvin, Eliza J. Hartwell, John W. Hartwell her husband; Wm. D. Garvin, and Mary A. Garvin, minor, defendants.
Whereas, at the May term, 1876, of the circuit court of Chariton county, Missouri, a docket was made and duly entered, of record in the above entitled cause, a certified copy of which said docket, under the seal of said court, was by the clerk of said circuit court, delivered to me, wherein, among other things it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that the equity of redemption of the defendants, John F. Williams, and Polly S. Williams, in and to the lands hereinafter described be foreclosed, and the said real estate, or so much thereof as would be sufficient to pay the judgment, to pay off the amount of the judgment, in said cause against the defendant, John F. Williams. Now, therefore, in pursuance of said decree, I, the undersigned sheriff of said county of Chariton, will, during the session of the circuit court of the county of Chariton, on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1879,

it being the 5th day of the adjourned term of said circuit court, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, of said day, before the court house door in the town of Keytesville, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand, which said John F. Williams and Polly S. Williams have in and to the following described land, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to pay and discharge said judgment, being the same described in said docket, and situated in Chariton county state of Missouri, to-wit: 46 acres—the south west quarter of the north east quarter of section seven (7), township fifty three (53), range eighteen (18); and 160 acres—the north east quarter of section seventeen (17), township fifty three (53), range eighteen (18). Given under my hand as sheriff aforesaid, this 23d day of January, 1879. B. B. DAVIS, Sheriff of Chariton county.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS THOMAS A. COLSON and AL- pharetta Colson, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 25th day of January A. D. 1876, and recorded in deed of trust book "B," on page 280, in the recorder's office of Chariton county, Missouri, conveyed to J. W. Wright, as trustee, all their right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in the county of Chariton, State of Missouri, to-wit: Forty (40) acres of the northeast quarter of section twenty-one (21), township fifty-two (52), range eighteen (18), and twenty-five (25) acres, west part of the south east quarter of section twenty-two (22), township fifty-two (52), range eighteen (18), which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas said note has become due and remains unpaid, and whereas J. W. Wright, trustee, as aforesaid, refuses to act, now according to the terms of said deed of trust, in and to the lands hereinafter described, in such case, by said deed upon me conferred; now, therefore, at the request of said note and holder of said note, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I will, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1879,

between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m., of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the town of Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, expose to sale the above described property, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said note and paying the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

42nd Sheriff Chariton County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Daniel Ashby, deceased, have been granted me by the Probate court of Chariton county, bearing date January 2, 1879. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if such claims are not presented within two years they shall be forever barred.

WILLIAM J. DEWEY, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Daniel Ashby, deceased, have been granted me by the Probate court of Chariton county, bearing date November 15, 1878. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if such claims are not presented within two years they shall be forever barred.

J. M. HAMILTON, Administrator.

STRAY NOTICE.

TAKEN UP BY LEWIS VA NICKLE, AND POSTED, taken by William Gandy, a justice of the peace in Chariton township of Chariton county, on the 22nd day of January, in the year 1879, the following described property, one year horse supposed to be a year old next spring, white star in forehead, hind hind foot white on the pastern joint, some white in the side of right hind foot, no other marks or brands, and appraised at \$20 by H. B. Jefferson, R. B. Bowering, and John Moore.

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